

# Mid States Horse Shows, Bio-Security Measures:

We at Mid States Horse Shows wish everyone and their horses a safe and fun show season, and in that light, have initiated the following bio security policies to help promote the health and safety of our valued equine partners.

## Certificates Of Veterinary Inspection:

All horses arriving to the Mid States Horse Shows and or the North Iowa Events Center **MUST** possess and present certificates of veterinary inspection (*often referred to as health certificates*) issued within 30 days prior to arrival. Certificates are to be presented in the office, and will be kept on file until departure, before any numbers will be issued for any horses, ... **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## Records Of Vaccinations:

Horses **MUST** have documentation that the horse has been vaccinated against the following:

o Within one **year** of entry:

1. Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis
2. Tetanus
3. West Nile
4. Rabies (*suggested but not mandatory*)

o Within **six** months/180 days of entry:

1. Equine influenza
2. Equine rhino pneumonitis (equine herpes virus Types 1 and 4)

***Suggested** and **respectfully requested**, but not mandatory:*

o Within **three** months/90 days of entry:

1. Equine influenza
2. Equine rhino pneumonitis (equine herpes virus Types 1 and 4)

## Show Participation Health Declaration:

A show Participation Health Declaration, signed by the owner/agent/trainer verifying that each horse has been healthy with no sign of infectious disease and has had its temperature taken daily for at least 3 days prior to arrival, and has not had a fever above 102°F within 72 hours (3 days) of arrival. A **SEPARATE** such form must filled out and be on file for **each** show... **NO EXCEPTIONS.** .

*See below for addition information concerning bio-security and  
**Show Participation Health Declaration Form:***

For information on biosecurity, visit <http://animalscience.unl.edu/ANSCExtensionBiosecurityforHorses>, [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal\\_health/2011/bro\\_keep\\_horses\\_healthy.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/2011/bro_keep_horses_healthy.pdf) and to learn how to clean horse equipment visit <https://www.thehorse.com/videos/30357/how-to-cleandisinfect-horse-equipment>.

Tips on horse event biosecurity:

As we enter into horse show season, it is critical to continue to practice biosecurity measures.

1. Keep sick horses at home. Watch for signs of fever, nasal discharge and diarrhea.
2. Wash your hands frequently! Bring water, soap, hand sanitizer and paper towels with you.
3. Clean and disinfect stalls at fairgrounds and show facilities. Spray-on commercial disinfectants are readily available. Diluted bleach (8 ounces bleach to 1 gallon of water) is an inexpensive disinfectant, but it works best on a surface that has been thoroughly cleaned.
4. Do not share feed and water buckets, hay bags, grooming tools, tacks, or manure forks. Disinfect these items frequently and after arriving home from an event. To learn how to clean and disinfect horse equipment visit <https://www.thehorse.com/videos/30357/how-to-cleandisinfect-horse-equipment>
5. Limit exposure. Do not allow horses to have nose to nose contact. Limit the general public's contact with your horses and your contact with other horses.
6. Upon returning home from a show, wash your hands, shower, and change clothing and shoes before working with horses kept at home.
7. Isolate returning horses from resident horses for 14 days. Monitor horses daily for signs of fever, nasal discharge and diarrhea. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. For information on biosecurity, visit [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal\\_health/2011/bro\\_keep\\_horses\\_healthy.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/2011/bro_keep_horses_healthy.pdf)

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